

## South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Medicaid Funded Service Options

### You Have a Choice!

#### *Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded or Home and Community Based Waiver*

Prior to 1991, Medicaid only paid for habilitation and other services for people with Mental Retardation/ Related Disabilities if the person was admitted to an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). The federal approval of Home and Community-Based Waiver programs allowed Medicaid to pay for those services outside of an ICF/MR. Section 1915(c) of the Federal Social Security Act enables the state's Medicaid agency, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), to collaborate with SCDDSN to operate a Home and Community-Based Waiver so that South Carolinians with Mental Retardation/Related Disabilities can have a choice about where needed services are received. South Carolina's Mental Retardation/Related Disabilities (MR/RD) Waiver allows those who currently live in an ICF/MR to choose to receive needed services outside of the ICF/MR in a home-like setting. These settings may be ones that are sponsored by SCDDSN such as a Community Training Home, Supervised Living Program or Community Residential Care Facility or may be the consumer's own home or the home of a family member.

Because you or your family member currently receives Medicaid funded services in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR), you can choose to receive needed Medicaid funded services outside of the ICF/MR by requesting enrollment in the Mental Retardation/Related Disabilities (MR/RD) Waiver.

#### **MR/RD Waiver Enrollment**

It is likely that you/your family member already meets the requirements for participation in the MR/RD Waiver, which are that the participant:

- ✓ have Mental Retardation or a Related Disability,
- ✓ be Medicaid eligible,
- ✓ require the degree of care that would be provided in an ICF/MR; therefore, meet ICF/MR Level of Care criteria, and
- ✓ have needs that can be met by providing the services covered by the waiver.

In addition to these requirements, in order to participate, you/your family member must choose to receive needed services in a home-like setting rather than in an ICF/MR.

#### **Services Funded by the MR/RD Waiver**

MR/RD Waiver participants can receive the services listed on the back of this page when there is a need for the service, the service is authorized, and a provider is available.

#### **Waiver enrollment will only be terminated if the participant:**

- is re-admitted to an ICF/MR or nursing facility,
- no longer requires the degree of care that would be provided in an ICF/MR; therefore, no longer meets ICF/MR Level of Care,
- is no longer eligible for Medicaid as determined by SCDHHS,
- no longer wishes to receive services funded by the MR/RD Waiver, or
- does not receive a MR/RD waiver service for 30 consecutive days.

#### **If you want to know more or want to choose the MR/RD Waiver:**

Contact your/your family member's Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP) or the Executive Director of the Disabilities Board.

## Services Funded by the MR/RD Waiver

Service	Definition
Adult Companion Services	Non-medical care, supervision, and socialization provided to an adult (age 18 or older).
Adult Day Health Care Services	Care provided in an outpatient setting that encompasses both health and social services (age 18 or older).
Adult Dental Services	Dental services for adults (age 21 or older)
Adult Vision Services	Vision services for adults (age 21 or older)
Attendant Care	Assistance related to the performance of activities of daily living and/or instrumental activities of daily living and personal care which may include hands-on care, of both a <b>medical</b> and <b>non-medical</b> supportive and health related nature, specific to the needs of the person.
Audiology Services	Hearing services for adults (age 21 or older)
Behavior Support Services	Services to assist participants to learn to manage their own behavior.
Day Habilitation Services	Assistance with acquisition, retention, or improvement of self-help, socialization and adaptive skills provided in a SCDDSN sponsored setting.
Environmental Modifications	Necessary adaptations to the participant's home to ensure his/her health and safety (e.g. installation of ramps, widening of doorways, etc.) Lifetime cap of \$7500.00.
Nursing Services	Nursing tasks/services ordered by a physician and provided by a licensed nurse. Maximum number of hours weekly is 60.
Occupational Therapy Services	Treatment prescribed by a physician to develop, restore or improve functional abilities that have been limited by a physical injury, illness or other dysfunctional condition for adult recipients (age 21 or older).
Physical Therapy Services	Treatment prescribed by a physician to prevent, alleviate, or compensate for movement, dysfunction, and related functional problems for adult recipients (age 21 or older).
Personal Care Services (I and II)	Assistance with personal care and activities of daily living (e.g., bathing, dressing, meal preparation, laundry, etc.) (age 21 or older)
Prescribed Drugs	Two (2) prescriptions per month in addition to the Medicaid State Plan limit of four (4) per month (age 21 or older)
Prevocational Services	Services to teach work concepts such as compliance, attendance, task completion, safety and problem solving.
Private Vehicle Modifications	Modifications to a privately owned vehicle used to transport the participant (e.g. installation of a lift, tie downs, etc.). There is a limit of \$7,500.00 per vehicle and a lifetime cap of 2 vehicles.
Psychological Services	Services to evaluate needs, determine level of functioning, and provide counseling/therapy.
Residential Habilitation	Care, skills training and supervision provided in a setting sponsored by SCDDSN.
Respite Services	Care provided on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care.
Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Assistive Technology Services	Equipment and supplies not available under the Medicaid State Plan that provide medical or remedial benefit to the participant. Diapers and under pads are available for participants' age 3 years and older. There is a limit of 3 cases of diapers/month and 3 cases of under pads/month.
Speech and Language Pathology Services	Speech / language services for adults (age 21 and older)
Supported Employment Services	Services to sustain employment including supervision and training.